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25 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) No. CR-09-00827-3 SBA (DMR)  
26 Plaintiff, )  
27 v. ) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
28 JASON HART, ) REGARDING GUILTY PLEA  
29 Defendant. )  
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31 The magistrate judge recommends to the district judge that it accept defendant JASON  
32 HART's guilty plea entered in open court on August 24, 2010. Specifically, the defendant pleaded  
33 guilty pursuant to a written plea agreement to counts one and four of the indictment charging  
34 violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 (conspiracy to commit bank fraud) and 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(a)(1)  
35 (aggravated identity theft). The magistrate judge makes the following findings:

36 1. On the hearing date set forth above, with the assistance of counsel, the defendant waived  
37 his right to enter his guilty plea before a district judge and instead consented to enter his plea in a  
38 hearing in magistrate court. Specifically, the magistrate judge advised him that he had a right to  
39 plead guilty in district court and that under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Federal Rule of Criminal  
40 Procedure 59, he could waive that right and consent to enter his plea in a plea hearing in magistrate  
41 court. The magistrate judge also advised him that it would issue a written report recommending that  
42 the district judge accept the guilty plea, that the district judge would review that recommendation  
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1 and determine whether to accept the guilty plea, and that the district judge and not the magistrate  
 2 judge would sentence him. The magistrate judge also advised him of the procedures (also set forth at  
 3 the end of this recommendation) for challenging the magistrate judge's recommendation. The  
 4 defendant then waived his right to proceed in district court in open court and in writing and  
 5 consented to the magistrate judge's conducting the plea hearing.

6       2. The magistrate judge conducted a full plea hearing in the manner set forth in Federal Rule  
 7 of Criminal Procedure 11. In particular, the magistrate judge reviewed, and the defendant  
 8 acknowledged that he understood, the following: (a) the nature of each charge and the maximum  
 9 penalties, as set forth in Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(1) (G)-(L); (b) the effect of the advisory Sentencing  
 10 Guidelines and 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(1)(M); and (c) the rights he was  
 11 waiving by pleading guilty, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(1) (A)-(F). The court reviewed the specific  
 12 provisions of the plea agreement regarding waiving the right to appeal or collaterally attack the  
 13 sentence. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(1)(N). The magistrate judge also determined that there was a  
 14 factual basis for the guilty plea. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(3).

15       3. The plea agreement itself was disclosed in open court, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(2), and  
 16 the magistrate judge advised the defendant as follows:

- 17           A. To the extent that the plea agreement was an agreement of the type specified in Rule  
           11(c)(1)(A) or (C), the district judge may accept the agreement, reject the agreement,  
           or defer a decision until the district judge reviewed the presentence report. Also, to  
           the extent that the district judge accepts the agreement, the agreed disposition will be  
           reflected in the judgment. To the extent that the district judge rejects the agreement,  
           it will inform the parties, advise the defendant that it is not required to follow the plea  
           agreement, and give the defendant an opportunity to withdraw the plea. If the district  
           judge rejects the plea agreement and the defendant does not withdraw his plea, then  
           the court may dispose of the case less favorably toward the defendant than the plea  
           agreement contemplated.
- 22           B. To the extent that the plea agreement was of the type specified in Rule 11(c)(1)(B),  
           the defendant had no right to withdraw his plea if the district judge did not follow the  
           parties' recommendation or request.

25       *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 (c)(3)-(5).

26       4. The magistrate judge also addressed the defendant personally in open court, and  
 27 determined that the plea was voluntary and did not result from force, threats, or promises (other than  
 28 the promises in the plea agreement). *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(2).

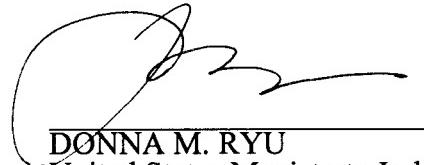
1       5. After the advisements set forth in Rule 11, and summarized here, the defendant pleaded  
2 guilty as summarized above. The magistrate judge found that he was fully competent and capable of  
3 entering an informed plea, that he was aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the  
4 guilty plea, and that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary and supported by an independent  
5 factual basis. This court thus recommends to the district judge that it accept the defendant's guilty  
6 plea.

7       6. Any party may serve and file specific written objections within fourteen days after being  
8 served with a copy of this order. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Crim. P. 59. Failure to file  
9 objections within the specified time may waive a party's right to review. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 59(b).

10      7. At the parties' request, this court set the matter for further proceedings before the district  
11 court on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

12      IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.

13 Dated: August 24, 2010



DONNA M. RYU  
United States Magistrate Judge